

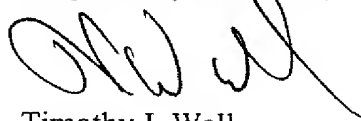
### REMARKS

Applicant appreciates the detailed examination evidenced by the Advisory Action mailed August 25, 2006 (hereinafter "Advisory Action"). Applicant also appreciates the allowance of Claims 12-14. To expedite allowance and issue of the present Application, Applicant has canceled Claims 2-8, 16-19, and 21 without prejudice or disclaimer. Applicant requests entry of these amendments as they raise no new issues and place all claims in condition for allowance, which is respectfully requested.

### Conclusion

Applicant submits that all of the claims are now in condition for allowance for at least the reasons discussed above. Applicant, therefore, respectfully requests allowance of the claims and passing of the application to issue in due course. Applicant urges the Examiner to contact Applicant's undersigned representative at (919) 854-1400 to resolve any remaining formal issues.

Respectfully submitted,

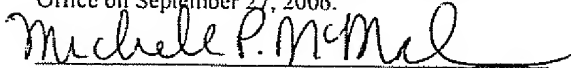


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